

Groton. Sept 18. 1839.

Dear Aunt Mary,

You cannot tell how much I have regretted writing to you so foolishly that you need not write to me, for though I have heard intinitely of your well being yet I have been very desirous to hear some wrymouth news since. But at the time I wrote I durst not then I should be going Boston the early part of the next week. Dr Fausworth was suffering with a lame shoulder which I supposed would prevent his going his journey as he could not well drive two horses, but when I talked above going I discovered that he was expecting to go this present week and besides writing to go, I thought after having it understood that he had gone in the early part of my visit I should have gone too, it would be rather very ill of me not to wait a few days for his arm to get well enough. It was finally arranged yesterday morning that we should start to day and to last night, I was up till 11. packing & fining, expecting to be off by sun rise but to be behind this morning I awoke in a pouring rain and our going to day is therefore up. But if it is pleasant we shall go to morrow. The whole posse go - the Dr. Mary, & the two boys. Altogether I think they may suffice to mattoice me, particularly as Mary has grown I hardly since you saw her & appears as to manner full as old as I do. I believe our destination is to be Portland, going the inland route, by the way of Dover, but it is not decided. I suppose if I have laboured earnestly to that effect I might have turned our course to Dartmouth instead of Portland for the sake of seeing and hearing some thing of the African prisoners, but I thought it for the whole best not. Being for Hartford, in a city, staying at a hotel, crowded probably with people, & many of them abolitionists whom I should know, would involve a great deal more expense & fatigue, & in the endeavor to see & hear some thing

as good as we can get

of the trial I might meet with perplexities, & wish I had
let it alone. Moreover as it was Dr T's original intention to
go over to Maine, I felt unwilling to interfere with it.
And on the whole how to ride quietly along, with nothing
to see to but my habit & straw booted looking sort of strong
plainer, will I think & be pleased than to go over &
while I have succeeded once, and then to be doing my
best bid & quicker to sit down at meat with the Hartford gentry.
I shall not return to Groton. The Dr may come through Boston
as he would like to be present at the meetings of the agents,
but if he does not, I shall quit him at Salem or Haverhill
or some where there & come to Boston in the cars. I shall try
to get there by a week from to day certainly, & perhaps before
I have had a very good time since I have been here.
The first week was troubled by my toothache, but after
dressing myself with knessote I found that it was getting
so bad as to wake me out of a sound sleep & keep me
in perfect torment. I made up my mind & had it out. It
was a small tooth & the Dr took it out in an instant. You
may wonder that I am contented, but you would not, if
you were on the spot. I have had a good many colics, have
ridden a good deal both in the carriage & horseback. When
the Dr was at the White Mountain he bought him a
new pair of horses, one of whom was very unmanageable
& he has been trying to accustom him to going with the other
"Judge" & "Commodore" are their names, & Commodore is to me
like the evil one than ought else, but as I am pretty
easy you know I don't feel alarmed; well, in order to get
this horse used to going, the whole family ride a great
deal, being out the whole forenoon & afternoon as the case
may be. I enter into these particulars that you may know
the horse of my going, as if I merely said I was one
riding half the time, you might think it tête à tête, &
that the Groton people would talk. I have had some
inevitable horseback rides, but my horse was so gentle

I good there on body might have made him. I have
finished my slippers & some other work. Added to this that
I have the Liberator, Am an Impostor, Herald of Freedom, Friend
of Man, Courier, Post, in copy in this of the Bay State
Democrat & the Lowell & Concord papers, & you will see that
it takes a good deal of time to read these. I have suffered
a little occasionally for a fresh new book, as Ferdinand &
Isabella is very dull, but I have got along. Caroline &
Deborah have been absent in the way of writing. They
could not have done better. I have also been very faithful
to Deborah, and she writes me three or four beautiful
in that line. She seems to be in grand spirits & looking
forward to her return very bright. I have attended the
Wed. afternoon sewing meeting ever since I have
been here. There are about 7 or 8 who meet - no more, but
I think they will do pretty well. They have made two
bed quilts - one silk & linen aprons, some bags. 2 doz of
rabbits, a doz of cherry strawberries, 4 pairs of slippers, 3
4 dolls, a few needle books; in short, I think they will have
quite a pretty table \$50 or 60 worth. - I think Garrison has cut
up Goodell tolerably well. As for Rogers, I do like him.
His letters to Southard are I think complete. The
Friend of Man is very stupid. I forgot to say that the ladies
of the Abolition Soc. here are at work for the Sci. Fair, but
I do not think they will accomplish much. It is entirely
merely spite with most of them. Mary Farris worth learned from
Mary Jane Parker the name with which the Boston peers
distinguish me "The Great Western". It isn't bad is it? - I
have experienced no inconvenience from the absence of
a housekeeper here. The woman who leaves here is a
middle aged one, very accomodating & obliging & at the
now same time go ahead. Mary has very much improved
& has been ever since I have been here, polite &
amiable as possible. I long to see you. How I wish you
were going this journey with me. How much more I should
enjoy it. I hope that some time or other we shall go some
^{when} together.

Do not let this go out of your house. If any of the Non
slavery people wish to see it, they must come to meet at
the cottage. Give all love to all your folks. I shall try to come
so w. as soon as the Non Resistance meetings are over. Does
the cool weather do Aunt P. any good or hurt. I wish I could
hear directly from you before I go. ever A. W. W.

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only think of the Norfolk meeting. I think yo ought
to have been there. Was an pastor present?